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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Georgia Transmission Corporation Project: A 230 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line from the Proposed East Walton 500/230kV Substation to the Proposed Bethabara Substation, Walton and Oconee Counties, Georgia (ER 06/833) (Agency due date: **September 22, 2006**)

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has published in the August 16, 2006, *Federal Register* a Notice of Intent to Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and to Prepare an EA for a Georgia Transmission Corporation Project: 230 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line from the Proposed East Walton 500/230kV Substation to the Proposed Bethabara Substation, Walton and Oconee Counties, Georgia. Copies of the Notice of Intent to Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and to Prepare an Environmental Assessment can be viewed on the Internet at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont06.html An Electric Alternative Evaluation and Macro Corridor Study Report, prepared by Georgia Transmission Corporation, will be presented at the public scoping meeting. The Report is available at the RUS' Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> This Office has one copy of the Report which may be borrowed for review if Internet access is unavailable.

Please review the Notice of Intent to Prepare an EA and the Electric Alternative Evaluation and Macro Corridor Study Report from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide comments by **September 22, 2006**, to the RUS contact person according to the instructions in the August 16, 2006, *Federal Register* Notice.

Your comments should reflect that they are the views of the Bureau and not necessarily those of the Department of the Interior. Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 8/23/06
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